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**THE DELUGE.**  
The drought in Scott county is broken for keeps. At the election Tuesday the people voted it so wet that even the preachers are having to wear gum boots. While the official vote is not yet known unofficially the vote stands 1841 to 975 dry, with two small precincts to hear from—Diehlstadt and Perkins—giving the wets a majority of 866.

Will the "reformers" now go way back and sit down? The more of their "reform" do they put out, the wiser they get.

"The curse of the poor is their improvidence," the banker writes upon a card to be displayed. Then he orders another automobile, and tries to make the white lights burn red until the bank breaks and the savings of labor are gone.

"The curse of the poor is intemperance," cries the reformer, counting the glasses of beer of the worker and shutting his eyes to the bottles of champagne of the exploiter.

"The poor suffer because of their laziness," lolls the fat preacher of platitudes as he sinks back into his upholstered chair at the club.

But it is not because the poor are improvident or intemperate or lazy, but because they are poor that they suffer. They are poor not because of the pennies they do not save from the pittance they get but because of the dollars they do not get from the plenty they produce.

Wealth does not come from being industrious. It is the workers in every land who are poor.

This latest reform movement started in Sikeston a few months ago, where the big landlords live. As before stated in the Kicker, these landlords didn't like to see their tenants come to town Saturdays and waste time in a saloon that might otherwise be put in on the farm. The rule of the landlord is absolute in Sikeston and the saloons were shut out.

Fearing that the county unit law to be voted on this fall might carry and nullify their victory, they had an election ordered for the county, which is supposed to assure a dry Sikeston for four years—as the question can only be submitted once in four years.

The vote in the north end of the county was overwhelmingly wet. In this territory the people are mostly German homeowners. In the south half where the power of the landlord is great, the majority was dry. Lusk precinct, however was a notable exception. That territory is owned by absentee landlords and went almost as wet as New Hamburg or Keosauqua.

Sikeston and Chaffee, the two towns of over 2,500 inhabitants, did not vote. In the other precincts the unofficial vote follows:  
Illmo.—Wet, 403; dry, 32.  
Keosauqua.—Wet, 153; dry, 1.  
Fornfelt.—Wet, 314; dry, 182.  
Benton.—Wet, 179; dry, 75.  
N. Hamburg.—Wet, 125; dry, 1.  
Oran.—Wet, 245; dry, 163.  
Bleda.—Wet, 60; dry, 5.  
Commerce.—Wet, 152; dry, 79.  
Blodgett.—Wet, 48; dry, 91.  
Morrison.—Wet, 31; dry, 115.  
Vanduser.—Wet, 33; dry, 91.  
Lusk.—Wet, 68; dry, 3.  
McMullin.—Wet, 7; dry, 44.  
Minner.—Wet, 9; dry, 36.  
Rootwad.—Wet, 3; dry, 37.  
Crowder.—Wet, 11; dry, 49.

I hope that the people who are always trying to reform the system that breeds all of the evils they complain of, will learn that we have local option now, and that no community need have a saloon unless a majority sign the petition, and that all things that appear evil to them are tolerated by those who control the economic conditions of that community—no matter if they do sit up in the amen corner.

Baugh houses could not exist in St. Louis unless the "best people" who live in the west end mansions derived a profit therefrom. They own the buildings and draw greater rents than could be derived in any other way. Repeated investigations prove this. In fact, Big Big is in league with organized vice.

Point out a town where the saloon has been removed and I will show you that the economic interests of that town oppose it.

I made this statement some time ago and the man replied: "Look at Benton; Bill Heiserer is wet and we have no saloon."

That is about as far as a bonehead can see. I replied: "The economic interests of Benton are not commercial, but political. The court house controls everything. So long as the officers considered it to their economic interest to sign petitions they did so, and it was impossible to remove the saloon. But as soon as things out in the county began to go dry, they quit and the saloon had to go."

It is now dollars to doughnuts that Benton will have a saloon and the petition will be decorated with the names of officials.

Mrs. Henpeck (looking up from her reading): This writer says that the widows make the best wives.

Mr. Henpeck: But, really my dear, you can hardly expect me to die just in order to make a good wife of you—Stray Stories.

Under capitalism a wealthy idiot can ride in a motor car while a capable workingman rides on the breakbeams and votes to continue the outrage. Which is the real fool?

**WHERE ARE CHURCH PEOPLE**  
From the Chicago Public.  
Europe's Apostles of Peace! All honor to the Socialists of Europe! They constitute the one group urging the workers to refrain from killing each other. "Murder is murder," say they. Commands of superior officers and approval of a government do not make the shooting of a man—even though he be a foreigner—any less a violation of moral law than an illegal murder committed in time of peace. They are preaching obedience to the commandment "thou shalt not kill," and are insisting that this commandment deserves obedience before the orders of emperors, kings or czars.

What a pity that in this grand humane and religious work these Socialists have not the co-operation of the churches! What a pity that instead of prayers for victory and blessing the prospective murderers, the clergy do not see how their duty requires them to urge instead adherence to the Golden Rule.

How sad it is that men should march forth to kill without so much as a reproof from those who should be the first to see wherein their conduct transgresses all principles of religion and morality.

The war might have been prevented had there been from the churches of all nations engaged as strong and emphatic a protest as is now being made by the Socialists; the only groups in Europe of considerable size to preach, when most needed, the Gospel of Peace.

**HERE AND YONDER.**

The rule of official families is not confined to Scott county. The disease seems to be general and Democratic office holders are very much worried over the strong anti-nepotism that has developed among the members of their party throughout the state.

According to the Jefferson City correspondent to the Globe-Democrat the pay roll is loaded with members of the official families. Even when Lynch was confirmed, he announced the appointment of his son to the chief deputyship. But St. Louis politicians protested so strongly that he finally withdrew his son. During 1913 and up to August 15th of this year, Democratic officials had paid out to their wives, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters-in-law, and other near kin over \$40,000.

The patriots don't know just which foot to start off on. They are short of a leader. Two years ago they opened hostilities in December and five of them signed a note to Hon. Thomas F. Rucker, which note was turned over to him with instructions to get it cashed and set the ball to rolling. But Rucker got drunk and slipped, and there seems to be no one to fill his place. Their efforts to divide up with some of the Socialist in order to give the rest a "show" don't seem to have been very productive of results. And if they agreed to divide up more than about 30 cents, they have sure been uncooperative.

Just about a whole neighborhood from Sandywoods township were here Thursday of last week in attendance at the preliminary hearing of R. D. Puckett and son, charged with felonious assault on Jess Chapel. They were held for the circuit court in the sum of \$250 each. The matter seems to be a sort of neighborhood row which often proves very expensive when carried into court. For the lawyers and officials must live.

The subscriptions received for August exceeded August of last year by 22. Keep it up! Joe Belk sent in four from Chaffee this week and Robt. Hillemann is still on the job at Fornfelt and sends in two.

National Socialist headquarters at Chicago claims to have information to the effect that the report that Carl Liebknecht, the German Socialist leader was executed, is not true.

Emil Schott writes from Cottonwood, Idaho: "We are through threshing and got close to 12,000 bushels of wheat off 300 acres. Also a new arrival came on July 22—a girl."

Mrs. Susan Gaitner and niece, Miss Daisy Leedy, left for Denver, Colo., Monday, and Mrs. D. H. Leedy left for a visit with her son, Chas. A. Leedy, in north central Missouri.

R. B. Heuchan and son Charles of Commerce, and grand-son Ben, of St. Louis, and Joe Ellis of Commerce, were in Benton Sunday.

H. G. Anderson of Commerce, R. Brissenden of Fornfelt, and Billy Howell of Bleda were Kicker visitors Wednesday.

The Republican central committee meets here Thursday of next week to fill the vacancies on their ticket.

Dolph Cannon, who enlisted in the navy three years ago, has returned home honorably discharged.

Theo. Strabler and son Leo, of Randless, and Louis Gangle of Perkins, were in Benton Saturday.

Jeff Henderson of near Oran was here Monday.

E. L. Grant made a trip to Illmo this week.

**FROM HICKORY GROVE.**  
Miss Maude Diamond, who has been visiting near Minner's switch returned Sunday.

Ray Utzage of Little River visited in our vicinity a few days last week.

Tom McNeely and wife of near Benton visited at J. E. Morrow's Sunday.

Miss Freda Wood of Cross Plains visited Miss Effie Morrow Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Luna Morrow last week a 7 1/2 pound girl. The play party at Does Ellis's Friday night was a success.

Arthur Joyce and family visited here parents Sunday.

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**DANGER IN SMUTTY WHEAT.**  
That a large amount of smut in wheat is likely to cause an explosion in the threshing machinery has been proven in the state of Washington where 100 machines have exploded this season. Several of these, it was found, however, were due to matches in the bundles. Some fields contained as high as 30 per cent smut. There are two kinds of wheat smut, the loose and covered. The covered or stinking smut can be controlled by the use of formaldehyde, but the loose smut cannot be eradicated in that way. The only treatment is the hot water method.

I found little stinking smut in the southern part of Scott county but did find some in the hills. I found fields around Sikeston that contained from one to three per cent of loose smut. If this disease becomes prevalent it will be necessary to use the hot water treatment, or obtain clean seed. As our seed is badly mixed this would not work a hardship if we can obtain pure seed somewhere.

H. B. DEER.  
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**FROM NEW HAMBURG.**  
Constantine Grojean, who left here 17 years ago, was here on a few days visit. It seems that he was kept busy shaking hands with his many friends. He is as well as ever, and as energetic as ever. Come again Constantine.

Two weeks ago Gus. Welter had his ribs kicked apart in a runaway. Last week he went to Chaffee to get his girl to squeeze them together, and now it is said he is at work again.

Mrs. Jake Keiser, of Sals creek, and Miss Freda Dumey of New Hamburg, visited their sister, Mrs. Frank Ziegler, who is with Mrs. Chas. D. Harris during her illness.

Charles Burger moved to Keosauqua last week and Andy Bucher has moved on the farm he bought of Mr. Burger.

Leo Grojean and family of Bloemeyer were up Sunday and took dinner with his old neighbor, Joe Westrich.

Mrs. Phil Hahn and children of Chaffee were up visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bisher. Uncle John Goetz, who is 78 years old, had his first automobile ride Tuesday.

Uncle George Kern went to his son's Tuesday to harvest his tobacco crop.

Prof. Schulte entertained the choir with a euchar party Sunday. Phil Schitter was at the Cape last week, and at Oran Monday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Blatt last week.

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**FROM ORAN.**

Mr. Jansen was down from Bollinger county last week to visit his sons, Ben and Garrett. He says there is no pasture in Bollinger county and people are disposing of their stock.

Zollie Glenn has bought the outfit of the defunct Oran Tribune. He will move it into the rear of his drug store and publish a long-felt want.

The first rain we have had since May 2 fell last week and smashed the drought. Farmers are busy preparing the soil for wheat and rye.

Miss Cora LeGrand returned from St. Louis Saturday morning, where she had been to purchase the latest in fall millinery.

Sol Diebold of near New Hamburg was here Friday getting some biscuit material.

Raymond Thomas of Cape came down Saturday to visit the family of Louis Pfeifferkorn.

Joe Gerst and Wendoline Heiserer were at New Hamburg Saturday.

Adam Essner of Benton and Chas. Warner of Perkins were here Friday.

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**FROM CHAFFEE.**

We are getting ready to put the big pot in the little one next Monday. All arrangements are being made for a Labor Day parade and celebration, and we are expecting many visitors.

Miss Roxie Wylie is to succeed Miss Ruby McEwing as assistant postmaster. Miss Ruby will attend the Cape Normal.

Mrs. Chas. Organ of Tennessee and Miss Phoebe Blair of Cairo came last week to visit their sister, Mrs. Frank Morgan.

The dairy wagon of C. B. Applegate was wrecked last week, the result of the horse being frightened by an auto.

Jess King is having the addition of a room built to his dwelling. Homer Harmon is doing the work.

Since the rain farmers have a pay-day move on them and are preparing the ground for seeding.

J. B. Moore, who is to be the superintendent of our public school has moved his family here.

Messrs. W. E. and Ralph Vickery and Harry Smith spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Joe Belk.

A good crowd attended the Pullman theatre Saturday night and six reels were presented.

Our school opens September 7 and both a good school and good attendance is expected.

Fire broke out in the switch yards Friday night and a caboose was destroyed.

Joe Belk has moved to Chaffee and is back on the job with the railroad boys.

J. E. Chewing went to St. Louis last week for medical treatment.

Mrs. F. C. Flores has returned from her visit in the South.

Robert Hood is home from his six weeks visit in Illinois.

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**FROM FORN FELT.**  
Baudendist's store was entered about 8 o'clock Friday night and about \$45 worth of merchandise taken. When Mr. Baudendist returned to the store to put out the lights he noticed that the place had been entered and notified Marshal John Amos. They began a search and found two men lying on the ice house platform half asleep, partly drunk and well armed. But the marshal got the drop on them and found the goods which they did not deny taking. The chief of police from Sikeston came up Sunday and identified the pistols and knives found on them as part of the loot taken from a Sikeston store that was robbed. The men are in Benton jail.

Thieves stole about \$15 worth of wash off Mrs. Joe Mirgraux wash line at Ansell, and Mrs. Mirgraux is mighty mad about it. Robbery and stealing is getting to be something fierce around here of late. A tent was also stolen from George Kenner and lard and chickens from Daniel Georger of Ansell.

J. E. Kendred, our new postmaster, returned from St. Louis Sunday and is now in charge of the postoffice, which remains in Brissenden's drug store.

John Williams has quit his job with the railroad and has opened up a grocery store across the tracks over in Williams town.

Arnold Rubel of Stoddard county spent a few days here with relatives, returning Sunday.

Prof. Bowman, of Longtown was here a few days preparing for the opening of school.

The Misses Lydia Foster and Emma and Mary Lipps visited at Chaffee Sunday.

Chas. Knopp, who injured his foot jumping from a wagon, is recovering nicely.

After a weeks visit here Miss Blanch Craig returned to Jonesboro, Ark.

Miss Grettie Jones is visiting in Poplar Bluff.

Our school opens next Tuesday.

**FROM ILLMO.**  
S. D. Hamm and Miss Irene Bishop were married at the bride's home on the 22d ult. The groom is a switchman and the bride is the daughter of S. Bishop the Jeweler.

Mrs. Lynn Paul, aged 32, died of consumption on Wednesday of last week the remains were taken to Ripley county for burial. She leaves a husband and one child.

Illmo is again without a paper—or what claimed to be one. Between two days T. A. Webb, the

publisher of the Herald, skipped for greener fields. Next! The Kicker is taking root up here and seems to be the favorite paper among the people—especially the working people.

Frank Reed was taken to the insane hospital at Farmington last week. The increase in insanity is climbing.

Lester Beggs and family, Joe Pelley and Geo. Bean were among those who attended the Anna, Ill., fair last week.

J. W. Vittitow and C. E. Jenkins were in St. Louis last week.

**BUSINESS LOCALS.**  
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MISS CORA LEGRAND, ORAN.  
For sale.—Lots 18 and 14, Burger's addition to Fornfelt. These lots are just beyond the corporate line of Fornfelt and do not pay city tax. On these lots are a good four room dwelling house and a smaller house. Good water and other improvements, and is the Chas. Koehlig property. Clear title and in good condition. For particulars see the Kicker.

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For Sale or Rent.—A lot 100x120 feet, with good two-story business building on it, in New Hamburg. For particulars see 17 A. L. HAHN, New Hamburg.

Patronize the paper that tells it just as it is. No muzzle.

**SOCIALISM AND EQUALITY**  
By John Spargo.

No Socialist wants to pull down the strong to the level of the weak, the wise to the level of the less wise. Socialism does not imply pulling anybody down. It does not imply a great plain of humanity with no mountain peaks of genius or character. It is not opposed to natural inequalities, but to man-made inequalities. Its only protest is against these artificial inequalities, products of man's ignorance and greed. It does not aim to pull down the highest, but to lift up the lowest.

It does not want to put a load of disadvantage upon the strong and gifted, but it wants to take off the heavy burdens of disadvantage which keep others from rising. In a word, socialism implies nothing more than giving every child born into the world equal opportunities, so that only the inequalities of nature remain.

Many a man who claims to be self-made has a wife who posed the job.

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**ORDER OF PUBLICATION.**  
Anna White, Plaintiff, vs. James White, Defendant.

In the circuit court of Scott county, Mo. To the Oct. term, 1914. Action for divorce.

Now on this 20th day of August, 1914, in vacation of court, comes the plaintiff herein by her attorney, James A. Finch, before the undersigned clerk of said court and files her petition and affidavit for divorce, alleging, among other things, that the defendant is a non-resident of the state of Missouri, and cannot be served with the ordinary process of law in this state. Whereupon it is ordered by the clerk aforesaid that publication be made notifying said defendant that the plaintiff in the above entitled cause has commenced an action against him in this court, the object and general nature of which is to dissolve the bonds of matrimony existing between the plaintiff and defendant, and that unless said defendant be and appear before this court at the next regular term thereof to be begun and held at the court house in the town of Benton, county of Scott, Missouri, on the third Monday in October next, 1914, and on or before the first day of said term, answer or plead to the plaintiff's petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly as prayed in the petition.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published for four weeks successively in the Scott county Kicker, a weekly newspaper published in Scott county, Missouri, to be published once a week, the last insertion to be at least 15 days before the first day of said October term 1914 of said court. J. M. Arnold, clerk.

A true copy from the record. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court. Done at office in Benton, Mo., this 20th day of August, 1914.

J. M. Arnold, Circuit Clerk.

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